

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 60. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, June 6, 1862.*

I..The Volunteer Recruiting Service, discontinued by "General Orders," No. 33, of April 3, 1862, is hereby restored according to the principles laid down in "General Orders," Nos. 105, of 1861, and 3, of 1862. Invalid or disabled officers, necessarily absent from their regiments, will be detailed for this duty whenever they are able to perform it.

II..A large number of volunteers are absent from their regiments who are now fit for duty. To enable them to return, the Governors of States are authorized to give them certificates or passes which will entitle them to transportation to the station of the nearest U. S. Mustering Officer or Quartermaster, who will pay the cost of transportation on such certificate or pass, and provide transportation for the soldier to his regiment or station.

III..All Captains of Companies are hereby required to report quarterly to the Chief of Ordnance the kind of arms in use by their companies, their opinion of the suitability of the arm, the general extent of service, and the number requiring repairs since the previous report.

IV..The principle being recognized that Medical Officers should not be held as prisoners of war, it is hereby directed that all Medical Officers so held by the United States shall be immediately and unconditionally discharged.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,  
*Adjutant General.*

OFFICIAL:

*Assistant Adjutant General.*